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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : WATSON et al. Confirmation No: 8178  
Appl. No. : 09/975,317  
Filed : October 12, 2001  
Title : METHOD

TC/A.U. : 1616  
Examiner : M. HARTLEY

Docket No.: : WATS3001C/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of July 16, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on November 16, 2004 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.